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Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 152 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/66/584.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item, together with item 151, at its 33rd and 38th meetings, on 10 May and 12 June 2012. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.33 and 38).

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/66/652);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/66/723);

(c) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/718, para. 272 and A/66/718/Add.14 and Corr.1);

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(d) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of performance and the achievement of results: United Nations peacekeeping activities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/66/741).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.39

4. At its 38th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/C.5/66/L.39), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Panama.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.39 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,[1] the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services entitled "Programme evaluation of performance and achievement of results: United Nations peacekeeping activities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo",[3]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1925 (2010) of 28 May 2010, by which the Council decided to extend the deployment of the Mission until 30 June 2010,

Recalling also that, by resolution 1925 (2010), the Council decided that, as of 1 July 2010, the Mission would bear the title of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and decided that the Stabilization Mission would be deployed until 30 June 2011 and authorized a maximum of 19,815 military personnel, 760 military observers, 391 police personnel and 1,050 personnel of formed police units for the Stabilization Mission, and recalling further resolution 1991 (2011) of 28 June 2011, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Stabilization Mission until 30 June 2012,

Recalling further its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 66/251 of 24 December 2011,

Recalling its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

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[1] A/66/652 and A/66/723.

[2] A/66/718, para. 272, and A/66/718/Add.14 and Corr.1.

[3] A/66/741.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/__ of __ June 2012, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2012, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 251.6 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Decides* to maintain two national posts in Pretoria for the purpose of coordinating medical evacuations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/__;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations contained therein;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

13. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 1,402,278,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, inclusive of 1,343,593,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 55,647,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,038,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

15. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,402,278,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 at a monthly rate of 116,856,525 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009, and for 2013,[5] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

16. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 33,557,700 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 26,794,700 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 5,582,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 1,181,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 34,761,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248;

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 34,761,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

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[4] A/66/652.

[5] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

19. *Further decides* that the decrease of 1,587,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 34,761,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo";

24. *Also decides* that the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" shall be deleted from its agenda.